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## Shelter lets volunteer take dog home for a day

**Dec. 7, 2015** - The Peninsula Regional Animal Shelter has begun a "Weekend Warrior" program designed to give dogs a break from the kennels by letting volunteers take them home for a day, a weekend or over the holidays during the month of December.

Shelter spokeswoman Page Davis said the program will help participants find out more about the dogs and increase an animal's chances of finding a permanent home.

All those interested will have to go through regular volunteer orientation and complete paperwork that lets them take the dogs home and prepare them for any problems that might develop. For more information contact Davis at 933-8982 or <u>pdavis@nnva.gov</u>.

Located in Newport News and serving Newport News, Hampton, Poquoson and York County, the regional animal shelter officially opened in January of 2015. The shelter has a full-service veterinary clinic and can hold about 100 dogs and 180 cats. It was built to hold stray animals until they are reunited with their owners, finding homes for surrendered pets, and helping with pet adoptions.